

Lesson 58

Definitions



1.	aplomb	uh PLUM	a handling of something with confidence and composure; self-assurance	
	Synonyms >>	assurance, self-possession, poise	Antonym >>	undignified behavior
	The debutante handled herself with aplomb at the ball.			
	Derivatives >>	aplombs		
2.	automaton	aw TOM uh ton	a creature acting in a mechanical way with no indication of intelligence	
	Synonyms >>	robot	Antonym >>	
	Television often produces dull, unthinking human automatons.			
	Derivatives >>	automatous, automatons		
3.	berate	buh RATE	to engage in intense and long scolding or condemnation	
	Synonyms >>	upbraid, rail, vituperate	Antonym >>	to praise
	That teacher will berate any student who is constantly tardy.			
	Derivatives >>	berated, berating, berates		
4.	cascade	kas KADE	a steep waterfall or series of waterfalls, a continuous series	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	trickle of water
	The canoe disappeared under the cascade of water into the hidden passageway in the cliff.			
	Derivatives >>	cascaded, cascading		
5.	celerity	suh LER uh tee	quickness (usually in accomplishing a task)	
	Synonyms >>	alacrity	Antonym >>	slowness
	Teachers like students who act with celerity in completing assignments.			
	Derivatives >>	celeritous, celerities		
6.	circuitous	sir KYOO uh tus	indirect, roundabout	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	straightforward
	Sometimes taxi drivers seem to take a circuitous route.			
	Derivatives >>	circuitously, circuitousness		
7.	delimits	deh LIM it	fixes or defines the limit or boundary of something	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	
	The fence he built delimits his property.			
	Derivatives >>	delimitate, delimiter, delimitation, delimitative, delimited, delimiting		
8.	discriminating	deh SKRIM uh nay ting	drawing fine distinctions, picky	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	uncritical
	Since he has discriminating tastes, the wine must be selected carefully.			
	Derivatives >>	discriminate, discriminability, discriminable, discriminably, discriminant, discriminated		
9.	dormer	DOR mur	a gabled extension of an attic room; window in such an extension	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	
	The cat perched on the roof of the dormer and looked down below.			
	Derivatives >>	dormers		
10.	execrable	EK suh kruh bul	extremely bad, deserving of hate	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	admirable
	The cheerleader told a joke about the drill team that was so execrable that he was suspended for three days.			
	Derivatives >>	execrableness, execrably, execrate, execration, execrative, execratively, execrator		
11.	forswear	fore SWARE	to renounce and to repudiate	
	Synonyms >>	abjure, renounce, recant, retract	Antonym >>	to embrace eagerly
	I had such a hangover this morning that I am going to forswear drinking.			
	Derivatives >>	forswore, forswear, forsworn, forswearing		

12.	grotto	GROT oh	cave		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	
	The bandits hid in a grotto and were not discovered.				
	Derivatives >>	grottoed			
13.	limpid	LIM pid	clear, transparent		
	Synonyms >>	translucent		Antonym >>	abstruse; opaque
	Many liked the author's limpid writing style because it was easy to understand.				
	Derivatives >>	limpidity, limpidness			
14.	meritorious	mer eh TOR ee us	deserving of honor or praise		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	
	As a result of his meritorious behavior, the soldier was given a medal.				
	Derivatives >>	meritoriously, meritoriousness			
15.	pathogenic	path uh JEN ik	disease-producing		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	harmless; healthy
	That strain of bacteria is a pathogenic strain that causes tuberculosis.				
	Derivatives >>	pathogenicity, pathogeny, pathogenetic			
16.	plumage	PLOO mij	feathers of a bird		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	
	The plumage of the peacock is beautiful.				
	Derivatives >>	plumages, plumaged, plumassier, plumate, plume			
17.	progenitor	pro JEN eh tur	related ancestor; forefather		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	
	George Washington is one of the progenitors of the United States.				
	Derivatives >>	progenitorial, progenitorship, progeny			
18.	regimen	REJ uh men	the regular process, procedure, or system of doing something		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	unsystematic activity
	The boxer's training regimen is very strenuous.				
	Derivatives >>	regiment, regimental, regimentally, regimentation, regiminal			
19.	rotund	roe TUND	very plump, round		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	gaunt
	Picture Henry the VIII if you want to visualize a rotund individual.				
	Derivatives >>	rotundity, rotundly, rotundate			
20.	ruffianism	RUF ee un is um	rowdy or tough behavior		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	gentle behavior
	The ruffianism of the boys in school did not go unnoticed by their angry principal.				
	Derivatives >>	ruffian, ruffianish, ruffianize, ruffianly			
21.	shepherd (verb)	SHEP urd	to guide, to guard, or to tend to		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	to neglect
	The young man was able to shepherd the group of people safely out of the dangerous situation.				
	Derivatives >>	shepherding, shepherdless, shepherdlike			
22.	stratum	STRAY tum, STRAT	a horizontal layer		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	
	The geologist said that this stratum is composed of limestone.				
	Derivatives >>	stratums			
23.	tensile	TEN sul	capable of being stretched		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	inelastic
	The material could be made to fit several sizes because it was tensile.				
	Derivatives >>	tensibility, tensible, tensibleness, tensibly			
24.	unwitting	un WIT ing	not intentional, without knowledge		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	conscious
	Because her day-to-day routine was so precise and obvious, she was an unwitting tool of the thief.				
	Derivatives >>	unwittingly, unwittingness			
25.	vogue	VOGE	popular fashion		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	unfashionable
	Miniskirts are in vogue again.				
	Derivatives >>	voguish			

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Matching Test



Directions: Choose the definition that best matches the meaning of the vocabulary word. Place the answer of your choice in the space provided.

Exercise A

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| <u> </u> | 1. | aplomb | a. | drawing fine distinctions; critical |
| <u> </u> | 2. | automaton | b. | confidence; poise; self-assurance |
| <u> </u> | 3. | berate | c. | to renounce and to repudiate |
| <u> </u> | 4. | cascade | d. | indirect; roundabout |
| <u> </u> | 5. | celerity | e. | garbled extension of an attic room |
| <u> </u> | 6. | circuitous | f. | steep waterfall |
| <u> </u> | 7. | delimits | g. | cave |
| <u> </u> | 8. | discriminating | h. | to engage in intense scolding |
| <u> </u> | 9. | dormer | i. | extremely bad; deserving of hate |
| <u> </u> | 10. | execrable | j. | quickness in accomplishing a task |
| <u> </u> | 11. | forswear | k. | fixes or defines a limit or boundary |
| <u> </u> | 12. | grotto | l. | robot; mechanical creature |

Exercise B

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|-------------------|-----|-------------|----|------------------------------------|
| <u> </u> | 1. | limpid | a. | feathers of a bird |
| <u> </u> | 2. | meritorious | b. | very plump; round |
| <u> </u> | 3. | pathogenic | c. | popular fashion |
| <u> </u> | 4. | plumage | d. | related ancestor; forefather |
| <u> </u> | 5. | progenitor | e. | deserving of praise or honor |
| <u> </u> | 6. | regimen | f. | rowdy or tough behavior |
| <u> </u> | 7. | rotund | g. | not intentional; without knowledge |
| <u> </u> | 8. | ruffianism | h. | clear; transparent |
| <u> </u> | 9. | shepherd | i. | to guide, guard, or tend to |
| <u> </u> | 10. | stratum | j. | regular process or procedure |
| <u> </u> | 11. | tensile | k. | disease-producing |
| <u> </u> | 12. | unwitting | l. | capable of being stretched |
| <u> </u> | 13. | vogue | m. | a horizontal layer |

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Sentence Completion



aplomb	automaton	berate	cascade
celerity	circuitous	delimits	discriminating
dormer	execrable	forswore	grotto

- The man began an intense scolding of the child and continued to _____ him even though the boy was remorseful.
- The farmer's fence _____ the boundary of his property; anything beyond that belongs to someone else.
- Once they had pledged eternal allegiance to the king, but now they _____ these oaths as they learned of his many errors.
- The debutante handled herself with _____ at the ball; she was always confident and poised.
- Although the animal could have made distinctions in her choice of places to live, in the end she was not very _____, settling on a dark _____ that a bear had used for a den the previous year.
- Although the man moved with _____ when he recognized the danger, even his quick actions could not save the child as she was swept down the river and over the _____.
- The _____ whirled across the dance floor with an uncanny amount of grace for a robot.
- She took a _____ route since she did not want to go straight home; her roundabout journey gave her additional time to think.
- Looking up at the gabled windows of the house, James waved at the elusive shadow in the _____, but no one was there to see him.
- Joe's manners are so _____ that we hate to have him over for dinner; he behaves so badly that he is embarrassing to us.

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limpid	meritorious	pathogenic	plumage	progenitor
regimen	rotund	ruffian	shepherd	stratum
tensile	unwittingly	vogue		

11. Because of his _____ behavior, the student received many awards of honor.
12. We crossed a _____ stream, clear as crystal, through which we could see to the very bottom.
13. She was _____ conned by the criminal; he acted the part of a gentleman, so she never saw him as the _____ that he really was.
14. It was rare for an undisturbed _____ of rock to exist in a geologically unstable area because these layers of rock are easily upset by the uncertain shifting of the earth.
15. The man was so committed to his daily _____ of exercise that he would follow his regular pattern of jogging even in the rain and snow.
16. Bubble gum is a _____ material; once it is chewed, it can be stretched.
17. The peacock's _____ was a brilliant display of red and blue feathers.
18. The old man had gained so much weight in his last years that he was _____, somewhat resembling a round, pudgy ball.
19. Jonathan was told to _____ the group until help arrived; he was to guard them and tend to them as well as he could under the circumstances.
20. These children in the slums are living in a _____ environment, constantly being exposed to filth and hunger as well as other conditions that cause disease.
21. The large mainframe computer was the _____ of the modern lap top version, but the real forefather of all calculating machines was the abacus.
22. What is in _____ today may be out of fashion tomorrow.